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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1A9a SUBJECT: Interview with [redacted] Organization & Methods Staff (DD/I Area), Management Staff.

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1. On 22 May 1957 I interviewed [redacted], member of the Organization & Methods Staff working in the DD/I area. He has been with the Management Staff for approximately four years and came into the Agency as a Management Officer in the Office of Policy Coordination under 25X1A9a [redacted]. When the Offices of Policy Coordination and Special Operations were merged, the Management Staffs of each of these Offices were combined with that operating under the supervision of Mr. Wilfred L. Peel and 25X1A9a [redacted] worked in the DD/P area under [redacted]. He then 25X1A9a worked in the DD/S area, and is now in the DD/I area. He said that he always felt that they were spinning their wheels in the DD/P area and were not well accepted. The DD/S components accepted them better, but still not completely. He finds that they are extremely well accepted in the DD/I area and feels that they are making a real contribution. He respects Mr. 25X1A9a [redacted] and believes that the relationship of the Management Staff to the operating components in the DD/I area is very good.

2. With regard to the morale in the Management Staff he says that they have had their "ups and downs." He believes that the morale was at its worst when there was practically an all-out fight between 25X1A9a [redacted] and [redacted] upon Mr. Peel's departure. Apparently each one felt that 25X1A9a he was going to be named Chief of the Agency's Management Staff. He has a very low opinion of [redacted] conduct in this fight, but at the same time 25X1A9a doesn't necessarily have very much respect for [redacted] either. In 25X1A9a summarizing his opinion of [redacted] he said that he thought [redacted] 25X1A9a had put it quite accurately a few days ago in saying that '[redacted] would be a 25X1A9a good O&M man if he weren't such a bastard!" He characterized [redacted] 25X1A9a as "a devious character assassin" and obviously doesn't trust him at all. He also said he didn't believe that there were more than two men in the entire Management Staff who, if they told the truth, wouldn't have similar feelings, and that these two individuals were pretty weak sisters themselves.

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3. [redacted] as a very smart individual and thinks that he is very definitely on the job. He believes that the situation

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25X1A9a was not too good when [redacted] apparently was in [redacted] good grace 25X1A9a and served as his principal advisor and thinks that this was responsible in a large measure for a less-than-satisfactory morale situation because people 25X1A9a did not have confidence in [redacted] was getting bad advice from him. However, he thinks the atmosphere is considerably clearer now.

25X1A9a 4. [redacted] believes that there is a substantial duplication between what the Management Staff does and what the Office of the Inspector General does. I agreed with this but pointed out that the Inspector General had a right to review the work of the Management Staff just as he did any other component of the Agency and that if there were duplication it should not be of major concern to us.

25X1A9a 5. Based on this and my previous contacts with [redacted] I believe that he is a good, honest, effective O&M officer.

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